Notice to Navigation Interests

Notice No. 14 - 20

Date: May 1, 2014

Schedule of Operations for 2014
Allegheny River Locks

1. **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Notice is given of IMTS Levels of Service for lock operations on the Allegheny River, they are as follows.

2. Allegheny River Lock 2, C.W. Bill Young Lock and Lock 4 will continue 24 hour per day operations. Commercial Navigators should note that double lockages will only be permitted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM. There will be **NO Lock Tow Haulage Assisted** double lockages after 10:00 PM or before 8:00 AM. There will be **NO Lock Tow Haulage Assisted** double lockages on weekends.

3. Allegheny River Lock 5 is currently operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Effective May 10, 2014, the lock will return to 7 day a week operations 2 shifts and be available from the hours of 07:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

4. Allegheny River Lock 6, Lock 7, Lock 8, and Lock 9 will remain unavailable for service except for commercial appointment lockages. Locks may be operational in unusual circumstances if an emergency situation warrants.

5. Commercial operators requiring appointment lockages at lock 6 through Lock 9 must make arrangements **at least 24 hours in advance**.

To schedule a commercial appointment lockage, please utilize the phone chain listed below between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.
NOTE: When making a commercial lockage appointment, operators should NOT leave a phone message but should use the phone chain until they have spoken to a person.

6. All waterway users are cautioned that warning signs and pillar buoys will not be set until approximately mid-April. Since the navigation aids may, at times, have moved off station during the year because of river conditions, boaters must approach all locks with extreme care, especially when proceeding downstream. Everyone is urged to consult their navigation charts to be absolutely sure of the landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.

7. All waters immediately upstream and downstream of each dam are designated as RESTRICTED AREAS year round and are seasonally designated by the signs and “KEEP OUT” buoys. Boaters, fishermen, divers, and others are cautioned. DO NOT ENTER RESTRICTED AREAS, as these areas are EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS.

Upstream of the dam, currents may draw boats into the dam. Downstream of the dam, backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam, causing it to capsize.

8. This notice will be updated when service levels or conditions change.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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